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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Distributive and retail demand ranged slow to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for the mostly light demand. Spent fowl supplies were usually sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents lower for large and were unchanged for medium and small. All Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak for the larger sizes and barely steady for the lighter weight eggs. Retail egg sales were light to moderate. Loose egg movement was usually slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment about steady.

		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	68-77	71-74	
LARGE	67-76	69-72	
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50	
			RANGE
			MOSTLY
			LARGE
			MEDIUM
			SMALL

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was unsettled and ranged barely steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to fully sufficient for normal to at times reduced schedules. Demand was reported as light to moderate. Spent hens were usually adequate for the at least moderate demand. Schedules were reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE		77-91
LARGE		71-85
MEDIUM		51-64

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak for the larger sizes and barely steady for medium. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Food service movement was usually slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76.5-85	78-81
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	52.5-61	54-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was weak on the larger sizes and barely steady on mediums. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for a light demand. Light type fowl were mostly sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77.5-91	79-82
LARGE	74-87	77-80
MEDIUM	54.5-62	55-59

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-87
LARGE	81-85
MEDIUM	63-67

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-83	76-78
LARGE	73-81	74-76
MEDIUM	51-59	52-54

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 9-10 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last week with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 10 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last week. Retailer demand improved, best where features planned. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 73.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	120
LARGE	113
MEDIUM	93

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	289-349
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	279-339
LARGE	199-249	LARGE	259-289
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM	219-249

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 13, 2006 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 06, 2006 were 293,042 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	258,467	34,575	293,042

% change from the prior week..... +12 -9 +9  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the mostly light demand. Most breakers were still working from existing inventories but when spot loads are being purchased they are still trading in the quoted range. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were light. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
09-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.09

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fair to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
09-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.17
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 09, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	14.8	6.4	13.8	8.0
	Change	0.9	0.0	-1.6	-2.1	-0.4
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.5	66.9	18.2	21.0	40.4
	Change	4.1	11.8	2.0	-2.2	4.9
Large	Curr Wk	33.5	128.6	68.8	78.1	99.9
	Change	5.6	2.4	1.8	-4.7	1.9
Medium	Curr Wk	13.5	66.3	10.4	14.4	27.4
	Change	0.1	0.9	0.2	-4.3	-4.7
Small	Curr Wk	7.8	12.7	0.7	3.1	7.1
	Change	1.7	-1.3	0.0	1.3	1.9
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	32.9	7.6	13.7	4.5
	Change	0.2	-0.4	-3.7	0.1	-0.8
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.2	49.2	26.3	33.7	29.7
	Change	-2.3	-0.6	-1.9	5.9	0.3
Total	Curr Wk	105.6	371.4	138.4	177.8	217.0
Percent	Change	11%	4%	-2%	-3%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1010.2	2%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	241.1	9%	35
Total Shell Egg	1251.3	3%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS\*** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

\*Data for January 2, 2006, delayed due to Canadian Holidays'.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 06, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
21.75								28.75								50.50							
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW										
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	52.50	—	53.00	54.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	52.00	—	—	—	59.57	7.50								
GL W XL	—	—	64.00	66.00	43.97	46.50	15.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	54.43	2.75								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	41.21	—	1.75	GL W MD	34.30	—	—	—	—	41.00	2.50								
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	46.00	—	—	2.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	33.00	37.25	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	26.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	31.00	34.00	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	26.00	—	—	—	—	—	21.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/02/06-01/06/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
97.25								80.00								177.25							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	56.75	—	58.50	58.91	53.50	—	12.00	GL W J	64.33	72.00	—	—	—	78.00	3.00								
GNR BR 1	—	81.00	—	—	—	77.00	3.00	GL W XL	48.31	52.95	—	—	—	60.15	20.50								
GL W J	—	—	70.50	72.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	47.00	55.00	—	84.67	—	55.25	26.25								
GL W XL	—	51.00	69.00	72.81	45.39	50.15	54.75	GL W MD	34.83	—	38.00	43.00	—	41.86	12.25								
GL W LG	—	79.75	—	—	41.76	—	19.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	33.00	37.25	2.00								
GL W MD	51.00	49.00	45.75	46.11	30.70	31.45	30.75	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	97.00	.50								
GL W SM	—	—	37.00	39.00	26.00	33.00	3.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	96.00	.75								
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75																
NRBS - 50	31.00	34.00	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	26.00	—	—	—	—	37.00	56.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/02/06	12/26/05	01/03/05
PACIFIC COAST	131	105	400
LOS ANGELES	91	100	387

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small and lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	91.86
LARGE	90.86
MEDIUM	72.86
SMALL	58.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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